

BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief Strachan's Weekly Update

We will file this first incident under "Which Part of Global Positioning System Did You Not Understand?" Dave Boynton from our department works with the Electronic Home Monitoring Program through the Bremerton Municipal Court. Once convicted, defendants have GPS bracelets to ensure the court knows where they are. Last week, Dave received a call from a detective from an undercover narcotics team. It seems that Mr. Anthony Price had sold illicit drugs to an undercover officer here in our city. When detectives looked the suspect up, they noted he was on Home Monitoring through our court. Dave sent the detectives not only the current location of the suspect, in Grapeview, but also the record of his past locations, including where he had allegedly sold the drugs. Based on this additional information, detectives obtained both search and arrest warrants for Price. He is currently living in the Mason County Jail. Once he is charged here, he will be seeing the Judge again.

Last week we had two people use firearms in contacts with suspects, and fortunately both turned out without anyone being injured. Sunday night Officers Garrity and Rivera handled a peculiar shoplifting detail at a local grocery store. Seeing a shopper walking out of the store with items that had not been bagged and were still in a basket, a concerned citizen had confronted the suspect. The citizen asked if the suspect had a receipt for his items. After receiving a reply that consisted only of expletives, the citizen advised the suspect that he had a gun and ordered him to the ground. The suspect initially complied; however, a struggle quickly ensued in which the citizen's gun fell out of his holster. The suspect was ultimately arrested for theft and had multiple arrest warrants. Wednesday night, Officer Brandon Greenhill took a report of a man who had apparently pulled a knife on a victim. The reporting person was walking down the street and noticed the suspect lurking around cars. As the man got into his own vehicle, he saw the suspect approach. The suspect opened the man's car door, and as the man tried to drive away, the suspect held out a butterfly-type knife. The driver pulled out his pistol and showed it to the suspect, who ran away and was not immediately located by officers. We have a good description and the investigation continues.

Part of our Frequent Flyer initiative is to always send a strong message to people who commit crimes to support their lifestyle. We made some progress this week when a resident observed suspicious activity at 5:00 AM. It looked like someone was prowling cars. We have had a rash of this type of activity in the last several weeks. Officer David Hughes was right in the area and located the suspect. The man lied about his name, but was eventually identified. Shockingly, he had an outstanding arrest warrant from the Department of Corrections. He has been linked to several vehicle prowl cases. The man was living in a tent in the woods which is being removed while he is in jail.

Speaking of Frequent Flyers, <u>click here</u> for the current and updated High Five list. One of the five is already in custody. She was picked up last night right after the list went out.

Finally, all of us are thinking about the Marysville community as they deal with what has become an all too familiar story - a school shooting. As departments train in Active Shooter incidents, we all hope we never have to use it. Unfortunately, Marysville and surrounding agencies had to use their training. We all send along our thoughts to the families and the school community.

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